

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities and make minor clarifications.

Further, substitute Figs. 3(c), 13(c), and 14(b) are submitted herein to correct minor informalities in those figures.

More specifically, replacement Fig. 3(c) now properly labels element 7. Replacement Fig. 13(c) now includes all portions of element 7, including the portions at the edge of that figure. Replacement Fig. 14(b) now properly labels element 3.

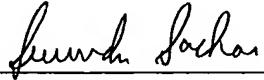
The presently submitted amendments to the specification and replacement figures are not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

Further, by the present preliminary amendment the claims are amended without prejudice to no longer recite any reference numerals, to no longer recite any multiple dependencies, and to clarify the preamble in the method claims. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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